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## The use of counterfeit money increasing

ABILENE TX- The Abilene Police Department is advising our community of an increase in counterfeit money in the City. Recently the Abilene Police Department Fraud Unit has received several counterfeit bills. These bills range from \$5 to \$20. The serial numbers on the bills are identical to the denomination being passed. The paper on which the money is being printed will fail a counterfeit pen test. The color and feel of the bills are not consistent with the paper/cloth blend used in valid currency. Several bills have been passed at local gaming rooms, and in turn filter into the currency flow. This allows the counterfeit money to be exchanged for genuine money as change is given.

If anyone receives a counterfeit bill they are advised to obtain information on the person passing the bill and contact the police. Should a bill be discovered and no suspect is present citizens are advised to call the Police non-emergency number, 673-8331, to report the forgery. Investigation continues as to identifying the source of the counterfeit currency.



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